

REMARKS

Claims 2-30 are pending the present application. Of those, claims 3 and 27 are independent claims. Claim 1 is canceled by this Response. Claims 2-3 and 27 are amended by this Response.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3-30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moon et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0097629). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3 and 27 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, which, as noted above, is indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Claims 2, 4-26, and 28-30, which depend from one of claims 3 and 27, are patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 3 and 27 as well as on their own merits.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request the rejections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of above remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone John A. Castellano, at the number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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